

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Due to Huron County's COVID Response Plan, this meeting took place virtually.

The Economic Development Board met virtually on October 13, 2021. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler, Jim Ginn, Liz Ihrig, Leanne Kavanagh, Bernie MacLellan (joined at 5:03 PM), John Marshall, Glen McNeil, Jason Oud (joined at 5:05 PM), Tim Prior and Bryan Vincent. Members of the Board Absent: John Kiser. Staff present: Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark, Acting Director of Economic Development Sandra Weber and Clerk Susan Cronin.

1. Chair Marshall called the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting to order at 5:01 PM:

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Vincent

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board agenda for October 13, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of September 8, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Presentations/Delegations: None.

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair: Chair Marshall had a discussion with Acting Director Sandra Weber about opportunities and strategies that can come from all the changes that are happening in the Economic Development Department. It was very positive.

7. Board Member Issues:

Warden McNeil supported Chair Marshall's comment about opportunities that are available with change.

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Member Ginn stated that Western Ontario Wardens Economic Development Committee has a Western Ontario Workforce Strategy Findings and Issue Report that he recommends being presented to the Huron County Economic Development Board.

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Warden McNeil

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board requests a presentation by the Western Ontario Wardens Economic Development Board on the Western Ontario Workforce Strategy Findings and Issue Report.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1. Construction Activity in Huron County, 2016-2020 (presented by Alex Ripley)

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Alex Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated October 13, 2021, titled Construction Activity in Huron County 2016-2020, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2. Economic Development Department September 2021 Update (presented by Sandra Weber)

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated October 13, 2021, titled Economic Development Department September 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Goderich Airport Strategy and Business Plan (presented by Sandra Weber)

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Vincent

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board supports in principle the report by Taylor Lambert, Goderich Airport Taskforce Chair and Ben Crooks, HM Aero, dated September 8, 2021, titled Goderich Airport Strategy and Business Plan.

CARRIED

9.4. Huron County COVID-19 Vaccination Policy (presented by Sandra Weber)

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Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Kavanagh

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Sandra Weber, Acting Director of Economic Development, dated October 13, 2021, titled Huron County COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Financial Statements:

10.1. Financial Statements (presented by Lisa Harvey). The financial statements for the month ending August 31, 2021 were reviewed.

Moved by: Member Kiser and Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

The financial statements for the month ending August 31, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

11. Closed to the Public Session: None.

12. Future Meeting Topics:

- Members are to send all requested future meeting topics to Chair Marshall

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will be held virtually on Wednesday November 10, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

14. Adjournment:

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 6:23 PM.

CARRIED